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Owners barking mad as mall closes doggy doors

BAYVIEW VILLAGE

Pooches 'can't differentiate between inside and outside'

Luke Simcoe
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A north Toronto mall's decision to ban dogs has some shoppers barking mad.

Since 2012, Bayview Village has allowed customers to bring dogs to the mall, provided they're leashed and don't stray into areas where food is served.

However, come May 1, the mall is closing its doggy doors.

"We love our fluffy friends, but over the years we've been really successful in creating a village-like atmosphere in the mall and we're finding dogs can't differentiate between inside and outside," said Bayview Village's marketing director, Melissa Evans-Lee.

What that means is that an increasing number of dogs are doing their business inside the mall, and that's not good for business, Evans-Lee said.

"We just can't keep up and we have to take our customers and merchants into consideration," she said.

The move isn't sitting well with local dog owners, some of whom are accusing the mall of rolling over.

"We're unhappy," said Danica Yuan, who was at the mall Wednesday with her dog Little. "It's great when there's bad weather or when the temperature is bad. It's a great place for them to walk around. It's clean, and they can meet other dog friends.... If they had said only small dogs it would be better, but they're saying all dogs."

"I understand people are upset about it, but there are just as many people who are happy about it," Evans-Lee replied.

For those who must shop with canine companions, the Vaughan Mills outlet mall still allows dogs inside, provided they're carried by their owners or confined to "little doggy strollers," said property manager Fernanda Dias.

Owners Danica Yuan, left, and Amanda Liu are upset all dogs are banned. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Dias said the mall would prefer shoppers left their pets at home, but bringing them into the mall is better than leaving them stranded in a hot car.

Asked whether dogs defecating or urinating has been a problem, Dias said it's not an issue. "I can't say it's never happened here, but it's not a major concern," she said.

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Justin Trudeau has been named most stylish politician by GQ. **Canada**

The tree house that John built

ZONING

Gift to sons pits neighbour against man against city

Over the last six years, John Alpeza has built an elaborate boat-themed tree house for his sons. Now the city has ordered it to be taken down based on the complaints of a neighbour. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Marita Bagdonas, 90, says the tree house throws too much shade on their garden.
STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

John Alpeza isn't ready to abandon ship.

Six years ago he started building a simple tree house for his sons. It has morphed into an elaborate, boat-themed retreat — and a heated neighbourhood dispute, with the city deeming the structure in violation of zoning bylaws.

Alpeza grew up "the old-fashioned" way, playing outside with whatever he could find. "The imagination world was so rich."

Now a father of two young sons, Alpeza's imagination is just as rich, but his toys are bigger.

Last Friday, he says, the city gave him a week to tear down the $30,000 structure or face a court-ordered removal.

It's the latest in a long-running dispute between Alpeza and his neighbours. Though cries of "save the boat" could be heard on Wednesday on the Swansea street, Marita Bagdonas, next door, is less enthusiastic.

"It looks like a Berlin Wall," she said. "Look how high it is. It's ridiculous. Even my laundry doesn't dry anymore properly," she said from her kitchen. "I get no sun whatsoever. All my flowers are ruined over the years down there. I had beautiful roses."

Bagdonas, 90, moved to Canada in 1949 from Lithuania by way of Germany with her mother. For 64 years she has lived on Deforest Rd. For the past 10 years she has been crossing paths with the Alpezas.

Bagdonas previously complained about Alpezas' proposal, already approved by the adjustment committee, to build a third storey on their house. The issue went to the Ontario Municipal Board, where the application was ultimately denied.

> **It looks like a Berlin Wall.**
> Marita Bagdonas

City spokespeople did not directly answer when asked if the city had ordered the tree house be taken down or whether the city itself will remove it.

According to an emailed statement from city staff, investigators determined in 2014 the structure did not require a building permit, but the tree house was too high, and the owner was asked to alter the structure or apply for a minor zoning variance.

"To date, there has been no action taken by the owner," said Mark Sraga, director of investigations for the city.

The statement went on to say the owner had been given "several opportunities" to respond and "based upon the owner's failure to comply" the city will lay charges over the zoning contravention and the matter will go to the courts for a decision.

"I have worked in good faith with city staff for over a year and a half to provide any applications or drawings they have requested in order to get our tree house approved," Alpeza said in an email response to the city's statement.

Six months ago he made what he thought was the final submission, but heard nothing until he got a call "out of the blue" last Friday. "We were going through a whole process. They just stopped the whole process and said, 'We're done.' I never got a chance to be heard," he said.

Mayor John Tory told reporters on Wednesday that he has asked staff to take another look.

"As much as I admire the immense creativity, because I've seen a picture of the tree house, we also do have to make sure we're mindful of safety considerations and also neighbourhood considerations," Tory said.

"On the other hand I hope we can do that in a way that does reflect discussion with the homeowner to accommodate those goals, as opposed to looking like we're soreheads or party poopers," he said.

Whatever the issue, Alpeza says his goals are simple: a close-knit family, a simple life, a healthy environment.

"It's such a losing battle for almost every parent. You cannot compete against the Internet. You cannot compete against video games," he said.

Though he admits he and the Bagdonas have "history," he didn't build the tree house to upset anyone, says Alpeza. He just wanted to enjoy his backyard with his family.

Bagdonas says it would be fine with her if the city took the tree house down, but she's not going to fight it if it doesn't.

"What can I do? I don't have any money to fight in court," she said. "Everybody has their own opinion … I am now the culprit. But I didn't complain about it."

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Eataly opening a store downtown

ITALIAN FOOD

The brand is coming, the exact location still unknown

Almost exactly six years after Eataly founder Oscar Farinetti visited Toronto on a scouting mission, the Italian food emporium has confirmed it will be opening a store in Toronto.

The grocery store, started in an old Turin vermouth factory in 2007, combines upscale supermarket of artisanal goods, with restaurants and cooking classes—all under one roof.

Eataly says it has plans for a Toronto store, rumoured to be downtown. It would be similar to its 50,000 square feet New York store in Lower Manhattan with the Weston family, owner of Loblaws and Holt Renfrew, as partners. While Farinetti has been quoted as saying the Westons are his partner, George Weston Ltd. would not comment.

"I can confirm that we are planning to come to Toronto, but we don't know the year or the location," Eataly public relations director Cristina Villa said in an email to the Star. "Nothing is set in stone."

Eataly has stores in New York, Chicago, will open one in Boston in September and another in Los Angeles in 2017. It has others in Japan, Brazil, Germany, Turkey and Dubai.

"I've been hearing this for a while with great anticipation," said Joel Gregoire, senior food and drink analyst at Mintel in Toronto. "It's really quite exciting."

Gregoire said the Eataly concept shows the changing ways consumers shop for groceries. The experience offers knowledgeable staff and selections you wouldn't usually find at a supermarket, including elaborate meals. "We're romancing the concept of food," he said.

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Vegetables on display at Eataly Chicago. The Italian food emporium is coming to Toronto. JENNIFER BAIN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TRANSIT

Public wants Relief Line to be priority

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A new poll has found a growing consensus among Torontonians that the Downtown Relief Line should be built ahead of other transit projects.

The survey — conducted by the Downtown Relief Line Alliance advocacy group —found 52.6 per cent of residents ranked the line as their number one transit priority. Around 30 per cent favoured the Scarborough Subway, while only 17 per cent felt John Tory's SmartTrack project should be built first.

Although Tory campaigned on SmartTrack as his flagship project, his supporters were more likely to support the Relief Line. According to the survey, 58 per cent of Tory voters rank the line as their top priority, compared to only 20 per cent for SmartTrack.

Support for the Relief Line was high in every neighbourhood in Toronto except Scarborough, where residents overwhelmingly favoured the Scarborough Subway. The Relief Line would run between the Danforth and the southern stretch of Bay Street, taking pressure off the crowded Yonge Line. Proponents argue the line is urgently needed, especially as more development occurs along Yonge Street.

CRIME

Man charged in sexual assaults of 4 women

Toronto police have charged a 36-year-old man with sexually assaulting four women on the subway over the past six months.

Police say that the alleged assaults took place between last October and this March, while the women were riding the Bloor-Danforth subway. In each instance, the women were travelling alone. A man would sit next to them, then sexually assault them, police say. Stephen Oberhammer was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday morning.

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Homeowners sue for 'botched' work

RENOVATIONS

Love It or List It construction ruined floor, claims couple

Love It or List It hosts David Visentin and Hilary Farr.
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Love it or list it. Or sue.

A North Carolina couple whose property was renovated on a fall 2015 episode of the hit Canadian home makeover show Love It or List It has gone with a third option, filing a suit against Big Coat TV Inc., the production company for the Toronto-produced program in North Carolina, and a contractor there.

In a statement of claim obtained by Torstar News Service, Deena Murphy and Timothy Sullivan of Chatham County, N.C., allege the floors at a Raleigh property they had been leasing out and had hoped to move into with future foster children were "destroyed by Big Coat's negligence," that the job they paid for was "botched" and the reality show is "fiction."

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

> **We will be defending ourselves vigorously in this matter.**
> Maria Armstrong, CEO of Big Coat Productions

"The complaint does raise issues about what is real in a case like this, where this is a show that impacts people's lives," the couple's lawyer, James C. White, told Torstar News Service.

White, who has instructed his clients not to speak to the media during the ongoing lawsuit, called the popular home design show's business model "bizarre" for mixing construction and reality TV.

"You don't leave the island and go home. This is the home you go to," he said.

In response to questions about the lawsuit, Maria Armstrong, the CEO and executive producer of Toronto's Big Coat Productions, emailed a statement to Torstar News Service.

"Love It or List It has been in production for over seven years, completing more than 250 renovations without any issues," it reads.

"We believe that this claim is in no way supported by any of the facts of the case, and we will be defending ourselves vigorously in this matter."

The show airs on the W Network, as well as HGTV in the U.S. Its team renovates homes on the owners' budget while also showing them other properties available in their price range. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Pot promise celebrated

Pot proponents in Toronto were all lit up Wednesday, after the federal government announced it would introduce legislation to legalize marijuana next spring. By unveiling the timeline on April 20, or "4/20," Liberal Health Minister Jane Philpott certainly gave a nod to marijuana fans, thousands of whom gathered in Yonge-Dundas Square Wednesday to celebrate the drug.

GILBERT NGABO AND LUKE SIMCOE METRO

Marijuana users gather in Yonge-Dundas Square on Wednesday to mark '4/20'. ALL PHOTOS: LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

"I really don't want it to be legalized because then the government is going to make it more expensive and it'll be of bad quality."
Christopher B.

"Pot should be sold the same way as cigarettes or alcohol. Certain age, don't smoke it and drive."
David Bald

"I think right now we're missing a lot of money by putting people in jail for crimes that are not really serious."
Emily Jaeger

"Hopefully now they'll be more lenient and won't issue as many tickets, and won't harass as many people."
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SCARBOROUGH

Indigenous library lends out literacy

Scarborough youth keen on learning about indigenous culture have a new resource centre right in their community.

A 600-book library opened last week at the Scarborough Native Child and Family Services office with a variety of offerings on indigenous culture and life.

One of the main objectives of the project is to get more indigenous youth reading, said Keith McCrady, the centre's senior supervisor.

"The literacy levels are still much lower in young aboriginal people than others," he said. "I just want to see more young people reading."

All the books on hand were written by indigenous writers. A select group of local kids will be trained to help run the library, doing everything from cataloguing to helping others check out books.

The library — housed in the basement of the centre near Kingston and Galloway roads — will also host reading clubs and after-school programs for indigenous kids.

"It's a humble beginning, but we'll certainly continue to grow," McCrady said.

The plan is to make sure everyone has a chance to participate. "Some kids may have no IDs or a fixed address or any type of official document that is otherwise required to borrow a book," McCrady said. "We still want all of them to find a partner in this place. Nothing should prevent young people from reading."

GILBERT NGABO/METRO

> **Nothing should prevent young people from reading.**
> Keith McCrady

The Raptors' hometown hero, point guard Cory Joseph, at a Pickering high school. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'Average' no more

BASKETBALL

Cory Joseph a 'role model' to struggling students

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

An "average student."

That's how one Pickering High School teacher and basketball coach remembers Cory Joseph — the Toronto Raptors backup point guard who's wheeling the team deep into the NBA playoffs.

"He wasn't really excellent," said Kerry Ashley, who taught Joseph's high school civic class back in 2007 and coached him in basketball. "But he knew he had to do well to make it into the NCAA. And so he concentrated. Typical Cory."

Much like the Joseph fans see on the court today, Ashley remembers the budding star as a very respectful and quiet kid who rarely showed his emotions.

He excelled in many sports, including soccer and cross country. But, basketball was "always the love of his life," Ashley said.

Joseph led his school team to back-to-back Ontario championships in 2007 and 2008. The school is planning to retire his jersey this summer: He wore number five, the same number he donned with the San Antonio Spurs before coming to Toronto.

When the Spurs won the 2014 NBA championship, Joseph's first stop with the trophy was at Pickering High School.

"Dude doesn't forget his roots," Ashley said.

Every time Joseph scores a crucial basket, Jalen Melville feels like his own dreams are inching closer to reality.

"That could be me out there," said the 15-year-old Pickering student who dreams of the NBA.

Melville has met Joseph and considers him a role model.

"He's a positive and humble guy," Melville said. "If you spoke to him you wouldn't know he's in the NBA."

Watching Joseph play is a "very rewarding" experience, especially for a school and a region that, before Joseph, hadn't produced an NBA player, said former coach Michael Gordensky.

But none of it is surprising. Joseph's skills were "off the charts" in high school, Gordensky said.

"You could see how good Cory was going to be, how gifted and how easily the game came to him," he said. "I was just lucky to be here when he was here."

Cory Joseph at a game against the New York Knicks. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Some scenes of 4/20, the annual day of celebration for cannabis culture lovers, in different cities. METRO & THE CANADIAN PRESS

Legalization next spring

LEGISLATION

'We must do better,' health minister says

Health Minister Jane Philpott delivered an impassioned speech at a UN special session on drugs on Wednesday, where she announced Canada will introduce legislation next spring to spark the process of legalizing and regulating marijuana.

The announcement provides the first concrete signal from the Trudeau government about the timeline it has in mind to green-light pot for recreational purposes.

In her address, Philpott acknowledged the pot plan "challenges the status quo in many countries," but she said the Liberal government believes it's the best way to protect youth and enhance public safety.

Canada must do better when it comes to drug policy, she added, saying the government's approach will be rooted in science.

"I am proud to stand up for our drug policy that is informed by solid scientific evidence and uses a lens of public health to maximize education and minimize harm," she said.

"As a doctor, who has worked both in Canada and sub-Saharan Africa, I have seen too many people suffer the devastating consequences of drugs, drug-related crime and ill-conceived drug policy. Fortunately, solutions are within our grasp."

Philpott began her speech with an emotional recounting of a story she recently heard from a mother who lost her daughter to substance abuse.

The woman told of watching her daughter die as she sought help for her, the minister said.

"She described watching her daughter slip away as she struggled to access the treatment and services that should have been available to save a beautiful, fragile life," she said.

"Stories like this are far too commonplace. Countless lives are cut short due to overdoses of licit and illicit substances. Today, I stand before you as Canada's minister of health to acknowledge that we must do better for our citizens."

Philpott's speech happened to coincide with 4/20, the annual day of celebration for cannabis culture lovers.

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GQ names Trudeau most stylish politician

He's sexy, he's suave and he's prime minister — but is Justin Trudeau the most stylish politician in the world?

GQ seems to think so. The men's magazine editorial board named Trudeau "the most stylish politician alive right now."

"Justin Trudeau's meteoric rise from political young gun to Internet superhero might have something to do with the Canadian's Obama-like levels of chill," the publication wrote.

To be fair, Trudeau doesn't have much in the way of competition. U.S. President Barack Obama's dad jeans, U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron's polo shirts, and Russia's Vladimir Putin's penchant for going shirtless leave much to be desired sartorially. But there is an undeniable je ne sais quoi about Trudeau's sense of style, says Jeff Rustia, founder of Toronto Men's Fashion Week.

"It all goes hand in hand. The watch, the socks, the gear, the cars, it's all very consistent," he said.

Rustia says Trudeau has become the ambassador for Canadian men's fashion, embracing modern trends like slim-fitting suits, bold colours and athletic wear.

From his striped socks to his tan shoes, Trudeau has shown that he's not afraid of stepping out of the navy-black-charcoal palette typical of politicos.

But it's more than just what he wears, says Michael Nguyen, general manager of Garrison Bespoke, a Toronto-based custom tailor. It's how he wears it.

Having grown up in the spotlight, Trudeau has an easy confidence that makes wearing a suit seem as comfortable as a jogging suit.

"You can't buy (that) with money," Nguyen said.

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‘A case for the history books’

COURT

Mike Duffy faces 31 fraud and breach of trust charges

Did Sen. Mike Duffy commit a crime or didn’t he?

That’s the question Ontario Court Justice Charles Vaillancourt will seek to answer Thursday when he passes judgment on the 31 counts of fraud, breach of trust and bribery Duffy has faced since July 2014.

But the much broader implications of the saga of the senator from Prince Edward Island are perhaps best summed up in Duffy’s own words to the Senate in 2013 when he delivered a scathing rebuttal of the allegations swirling around him.

“This,” Duffy thundered, “is a case for the history books.”

It all began in 2012, when the auditor general issued a report that recommended taking steps to ensure members of the upper chamber were submitting enough proof their expense claims were for legitimate parliamentary business.

Questions about Duffy’s own claims — including whether he was a legitimate resident of P.E.I., the province he’d been appointed in 2008 to represent — began later that year. It was the first in a long chain of events that would, among other things, eventually force the departure of Nigel Wright, then the prime minister’s chief of staff.

The bribery charge Duffy faces is the result of Wright’s decision to personally pay the $90,000 in living expenses Duffy claimed by declaring his longtime home in an Ottawa suburb was actually a secondary residence.

The remaining 30 fraud and breach of trust charges relate to Senate money the Crown alleged Duffy either received for trips that had nothing to do with Senate work. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mike Duffy THE CANADIAN PRESS

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DUFFY TRIAL

Things to know before the verdict

Ontario Justice Charles Vaillancourt will deliver his decision Thursday on Sen. Mike Duffy’s fraud, breach of trust and bribery charges, all of which stem from his controversial Senate housing and travel expenses.

1 **Duffy faces 31 charges.** They fall into five categories: issues related to living expenses Duffy claimed for his suburban Ottawa home; inappropriate expenses relating to personal and partisan activity; inappropriate expense claims assisted with personal attendance and funerals and related ceremonies; disbursements of money; and charges relating to the receipt of a $90,172.24 cheque from Nigel Wright.

2 **That he’s a senator is an important element of the alleged crimes.** The breach of trust charges Duffy faces are because of his role as a public official and he can be found guilty whether or not the crime would be an offence if committed by a private person.

3 **He is facing jail time if convicted.** The breach of trust charges carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison. Six of the fraud charges are for amounts over $5,000, which carry a maximum 14-year term. The fraud charges under $5,000 could be met with prison terms of less than two years. The bribery count has a maximum 14-year sentence.

4 **There’s also the matter of his job.** Duffy was suspended without pay between November 2013 and August 2015. After dissolution, his pay was reinstated but he remained on a leave of absence with no access to Senate resources. What happens after the verdict is governed by Senate rules and the Constitution.

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1 Queen Elizabeth II with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren in the Green Drawing room at Windsor Castle in Windsor. **2** The U.K.'s Prince Charles, Queen Elizabeth II, the young Prince George, and Prince William, smiling during a photo shoot for the Royal Mail in 2015 in Buckingham Palace. **A stamp sheet, made from the photograph, was released to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. 3 The Queen poses on the steps of the east terrace** with four of her dogs in the garden of Windsor Castle. HANDOUT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The Queen through the years

ROYAL FAMILY

As Elizabeth II turns 90, here is a look at highs, lows of her reign

Queen Elizabeth II marks her 90th birthday on Thursday as Britons and many throughout the world celebrate her long and dignified reign. She will celebrate again in June with national events to mark her official birthday.

Here are answers to some questions about the queen's extraordinary life and times:

WHEN DID SHE BECOME QUEEN?

Elizabeth's life was changed forever in 1936 when her uncle, King Edward VIII, abdicated so he could marry his divorced lover Wallis Simpson. This made her father the king and Elizabeth heir to the throne. King George VI's health failed, however, and he was too ill for a planned tour of the Commonwealth in 1952, so he sent Elizabeth and her husband, Prince Philip, in his place.

They were staying in a remote part of Kenya on Feb. 6, 1952, when she was told that the king had died. She automatically became queen upon her father's death, although the official coronation did not take place for more than a year.

HOW DID ELIZABETH WEATHER WORLD WAR II?

Elizabeth was a young princess during World War II, and her father King George VI was concerned for her safety as London came under the repeated German bombing raids known as The Blitz. She and her sister Princess Margaret were moved to Windsor Castle, 40 kilometres west of London for security reasons. She later persuaded her parents to let her serve in the Auxiliary Transport Service, where she learned how to drive and repair ambulances and trucks as part of the war effort. She was assigned number 230873 while in the service.

HAS THE QUEEN EVER COMPLAINED IN PUBLIC?

No, that's just not done. The closest Elizabeth has come to exhibiting human frailty to her subjects was in 1992, when she made a rare admission that her life, so picture perfect on the outside, was marred by the marital woes of three of her four children. She didn't complain in English, however, looking to Latin to proclaim it had been something of an "annus horribilis" — a horrible year that included a disastrous fire at her beloved Windsor Castle.

WHAT WAS THE LOW POINT OF HER MONARCHY?

This would undoubtedly be the stormy days that followed Princess Diana's sudden death in a car crash in August 1997. The princess was tremendously popular, and many held the royal family responsible for her unpleasant divorce from Prince Charles. The queen was castigated in the press for not returning to London immediately after Diana's death and for not flying the royal standard atop the palace at half-staff as a sign of respect.

DOES THE QUEEN PLAN TO RETIRE?

The strong-willed queen has given no indication she plans to leave the throne, and has described her unique position as a "job for life." Her own mother lived to be 101, and was generally in fine fettle in her final years. Still, it is possible Elizabeth would step down if she developed severe problems that made it impossible for her to carry out her role.

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MEDITERRANEAN

Hundreds feared dead in shipwreck

Up to 500 people are feared dead after a shipwreck in the Mediterranean Sea last week, the UN refugee agency said Wednesday, citing the accounts of survivors.

The disaster happened in waters between Italy and Libya, based on accounts from 41 survivors who were rescued on April 16 by a merchant ship, UNHCR said. The agency said that if confirmed, it would be one of the deadliest tragedies on the Mediterranean in the last year.

The survivors said they had been among 100 to 200 people who left a town near Tobruk, Libya, on a smugglers' boat last week. The agency said Wednesday that "after sailing for several hours, the smugglers in charge of the boat attempted to transfer the passengers to a larger ship carrying hundreds of people in terribly overcrowded conditions."

"At one point during the transfer, the larger boat capsized and sank," UNHCR said in a statement, saying that its staff had visited the survivors at a local stadium in Kalamata, Greece, where they have been housed by authorities while they undergo "police procedures."

Barbara Molinario, a Rome-based spokeswoman for UNHCR, said details remained unclear.

The statements offered the most official comment yet following repeated news reports about the incident in recent days.

Somalia's president, prime minister and parliamentary speaker on Monday issued a joint statement over an unconfirmed report about the incident. Reports of the drownings circulated among families and on social media, but they hadn't been confirmed by coast guard authorities.

More than 1 million migrants and refugees crossed the Mediterranean last year— mostly refugees from war in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria fleeing to Greece, and the European Union, via Turkey. However, the longer Libya-Italy route has traditionally seen more deaths. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. ELECTION

Clinton close to nomination, Trump strengthens hand

Hillary Clinton, the nearly unstoppable Democrat, and Republican front-runner Donald Trump accelerated Wednesday toward upcoming primaries on an increasingly direct path to presidential nominations after trouncing party challengers in New York.

Clinton, now 81 per cent of the way toward clinching the Democratic nomination that eluded her eight years ago, can lose every remaining contest and still prevail. Her sweeping victory in the New York primary called into question the durability of Bernie Sanders' rival campaign and left him with severely limited options for overtaking her.

Hillary Clinton is now 81 per cent of the way towards clinching the Democratic nomination. Donald Trump, however, is still not in the clear for the Republican nomination. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

While Trump strengthened his hand, he is still not in the clear.

Trump is focused heavily on clinching the Republican nomination through voters' balloting in state primaries, thus avoiding a contested national convention in Cleveland in July. The businessman's win in his home state keeps him on a path to securing the 1,237 delegates he needs, though he'll have to perform well in the round of primaries in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware on Tuesday and in California's huge contest on June 7.

His chief rival, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, has no mathematical path to getting the nomination through primary voting. But he sees a window to snatch the nomination from Trump at the convention, and his campaign is working feverishly to line up delegates who would support him if Trump fails to prevail on a first ballot.

The side-by-side Republican efforts at this late stage — with Trump amassing primary victories while Cruz digs for the support of delegates who could settle the nomination — are unprecedented in recent presidential campaigns and add to the deeply uncertain nature of the race.

Clinton's win in New York, a state she represented in the Senate for eight years, halted Sanders' recent string of victories and put her in a stronger position heading into the next contests. She could lose them all and still win the nomination — if she did well enough to win some delegates. Sen. Sanders' advisers offered no signs of giving up before the Democrats' Philadelphia convention.

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EU IN CRISIS

Facing internal divisions, the EU has struggled to cope with the influx, and UNHCR on Wednesday reiterated its longstanding call for more "regular pathways" to Europe, such as with resettlement and humanitarian admission, family reunification, private sponsorship and student and work visas.

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Residents comb through a field, salvaging recyclable material from post-earthquake debris, in Manta, Ecuador on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ecuador death toll keeps rising

EARTHQUAKE

Aftershocks send residents pouring out into the streets

A magnitude-6.1 aftershock Wednesday set babies crying and sent nervous residents pouring into the streets, fearful of yet more damage following the deadly earthquake over the weekend.

The pre-dawn jolt was the strongest aftershock yet since Saturday's magnitude-7.8 quake that killed more than 500 people. Some people in Portoviejo abandoned their homes, even those with no apparent damage, and headed to a former airport where temporary shelters have been set up.

The government said the number of known dead stood at 553, but officials expected more bodies to be found. About 7,000 were injured. At least 11 foreigners were among the dead, including two Canadians and three Cuban doctors who had been on a medical mission to Ecuador.

54
Number of people pulled alive from the rubble since Saturday

The final toll could surpass earthquakes in Chile and Peru in the past decade.

Among the survivors, the situation was growing increasingly tense. While humanitarian aid has been pouring in from around the world, distribution is slow. In Manta on Wednesday, people waited for hours under the tropical sun for water and food supplies. Soldiers kept control with fenced barricades.

Reflecting some of the desperation, residents in Manta could be seen scavenging through the rubble, no longer looking for loved ones but trying to salvage metallic objects and other items of value.

Grief mounted as families buried loved ones, but people held out hope of finding some of 163 people the government said were still missing. Since Saturday, 54 people have been rescued from rubble alive.

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FLINT WATER CRISIS

Three officials face charges

The Flint water crisis became a criminal case Wednesday when two state regulators and a city employee were charged with official misconduct, evidence-tampering and other offences over the lead contamination that alarmed the country and brought cries of racism.

"This is a road back to restoring faith and confidence in all Michigan families in their government," state Attorney General Bill Schuette said in announcing the first charges to come out of the disaster, blamed on a series of bad decisions by bureaucrats and political leaders.

He warned there will be more charges and added: "No one is off the table."

For nearly 18 months, the poor, majority-black city of 100,000 used the Flint River for tap water as a way to save money — a decision made by a state-appointed emergency manager — while a new pipeline was under construction. But the water wasn't treated to control corrosion. The result: Lead was released from aging pipes and fixtures as water flowed into homes and businesses.

LEAD PIPES

6.5 million still in use
Most U.S. cities stopped installing lead pipes in the 1930s to carry water from main lines under the streets and into homes. But a survey by the American Water Works Association found that 6.5 million of these pipes are still in use.

Gov. Rick Snyder didn't acknowledge the problem until last fall, when tests revealed high levels of lead in children, in whom the heavy metal can cause low IQs and behavioural problems.

Michael Prysby, a former district engineer with the state Department of Environmental Quality, and Stephen Busch, a supervisor in the department's drinking water office, were charged with misconduct, conspiracy, tampering with test results and misdemeanour violations of clean-water law. The felonies carry maximum penalties of four to five years in prison.

Among other things, they were accused of failing to order anticorrosion chemicals added to the water to coat the pipes and prevent them from releasing lead.

Flint utilities administrator Michael Glasgow, who oversaw day-to-day operations at the city's water plant at the time, also was charged Wednesday with tampering with evidence for allegedly falsifying test results and with wilful neglect of duty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Car industry drives into trouble

Mitsubishi Motors Corp.'s admission that employees had intentionally falsified fuel mileage data for several models adds its name to a growing list of auto industry names whose brand has been tarnished.

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The issue: The German automaker admitted in September 2015 that it had deliberately cheated emissions tests by programming pollution controls to turn on only under test conditions.

Under normal driving conditions, the vehicles were emitting 10 to 40 times the legal pollution limits, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimated.

The fallout: The device was installed on 11 million cars worldwide, including some Audis and Porsches, for the model years 2009 to 2016. The company is working on a fix. Meanwhile, no additional models can be sold.

GENERAL MOTORS

The issue: A faulty ignition switch in its small cars spontaneously shut off, cutting power to the steering wheel and airbags. The scandal was compounded because it took the company nearly a decade to disclose the problem.

The fallout: In 2014, GM recalled 2.6 million vehicles because of faulty ignition switches that were implicated in 124 deaths and 275 injuries.

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The issue: Faulty gas pedals would suddenly accelerate out of control. The effect of the recall was immense to an auto company that had been noted for its high-quality products.

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MALM DRESSER

Ikea reissues safety warning after deaths of children

Colin McNeil
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Ikea is again reminding customers of the importance of wall anchoring their assemble-it-yourself furniture after a U.S. toddler's death.

The reissued safety warning comes after a "Malm" dresser toppled over and killed a 22-month-old Minnesota boy. The boy, who managed to tip the chest over onto himself, was found under the dresser after his mother went to check on him during a nap.

Ikea says the chest was not properly anchored to the wall.

The Swedish furniture giant issued the safety warning for the first time last summer, after two young children died in separate incidents when Malm dressers fell on them.

Lawyers for the family of one of the children, a two-year-old boy from Pennsylvania, have launched a website calling for Ikea to issue a recall and are hoping to gather more stories from parents.

Ikea is offering replacement anchoring kits to any customers who don't have their original.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON CHANGING VOTER DEMOGRAPHICS

The Liberals were the main beneficiaries of higher youth engagement in last fall's election, but that does not mean they can take that support for granted.

But for young millennial voters, Justin Trudeau might not have won a majority victory last fall.

As an Abacus Data study confirmed this week, the younger cohort of the electorate tilted the balance in favour of the Liberals. By turning out in greater numbers and coalescing behind Trudeau, voters aged 18 to 25 almost certainly made a difference between a minority and a majority.

Early indications suggest the Liberals were the preferred choice of a plurality of younger voters (45 per cent) beating the NDP (25 per cent) and the Conservatives (20 per cent). In comparison to 2011, turnout among that age group went up 12 percentage points.

Before dismissing the growth of the youth vote and its impact on the election outcome as a one off — essentially due to Trudeau's status as a political rock star — it might be prudent to consider that the reverse could turn out to be true.

In politics, empowerment and engagement tend to come as a pair. The sense that one's vote can make a difference is one of the main incentives to continue exercising one's franchise. On that score, the experience was positive for many of those who voted for the first time in 2015.

In the big picture, no federal party can afford to ignore the changing demographics of the electorate. As the Abacus report points out, by the next election all millennials (born approximately between 1980 and 2000) will have a vote. Their generation will make up the electorate's largest cohort.

The Liberals were the main beneficiaries of a higher level of youth engagement in the electoral process last fall, but that does not mean they can take that support for granted.

Come 2019, Trudeau's edge with young voters could be blunted by the upcoming leadership changes at the helm of the other parties. Over the course of his first mandate, Trudeau also stands to lose some of the patina that allowed him to cast himself as the greatest agent of change last fall. It is often easier to like an underdog than an incumbent.

Many New Democrats came out of the 2015 campaign feeling they had been outflanked on the front of generational change. That widespread sense contributed to Thomas Mulcair's demise at the hands of party members earlier this month.

But before the NDP concludes that a younger leader could act as a magic bullet for what ails it, it might consider that under Jack Layton, in 2011, the NDP was the preferred choice of the younger cohort. Mulcair's failure to keep that connection alive had more to do with the larger failure of the NDP campaign to connect with the electorate at large than with the age of the leader.

More so than any of its predecessors, the millennial generation was raised in a culturally diverse Canada. That theme happens to be a constant in Trudeau's political discourse and it is reflected in his caucus. Looking at the delegates at the NDP convention in Edmonton, one had to look hard for evidence of the country's cultural diversity.

Even before the last election, polls showed that if younger voters were left to decide who should run Canada, the Conservatives would come dead last — behind the Green Party. Under Stephen Harper the party worked hard at hanging on to that last place.

The dismissive Conservative discourse on climate change; the reluctant acceptance of marriage rights for same-sex couples; the over-the-top fear campaign over the legalization of marijuana all seemed designed to drive millennials away. The party's reductive depiction of Trudeau's leadership might as well have been calculated to come across as a generational putdown.

Like their elders, younger Canadians believe bread-and-butter issues like jobs should sit at the top of the to-do list of the federal government.

But also like a majority of their elders, they crave aspirational politics and believe in the virtues of government activism.

Those are generational traits that a decade of Conservative counter-spin probably exacerbated rather than diminished. On that basis, Trudeau should share the credit for the higher youth engagement that had such defining impact on the last election with Harper.

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Punk great launches tour for memoir and acoustic sound

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One would expect a memoir by Canada's queen of punk to be more about heavy days of partying than facing breast cancer or embracing yoga.

But Bif Naked defies the stereotypes in her new memoir, I, Bificus, launched across the country Tuesday.

"I was encouraged for a long time by my manager Peter, who's been my manager for 25 years," says Bif, speaking to Metro from her home in Vancouver.

"I think after breast cancer, I had a heart surgery in 2012, just with my divorce (she married Vancouver sports writer Ian Walker), the stories kept coming up over the years.

"There's part of me that didn't want to write a book because I felt it was so, you know, the classic book of secrets. It was just so common, all these musicians were writing books. It was like everyone was aging out, so these books came to be."

The memoir takes the reader on Bif's journey from being adopted by American Missionaries from her teenage New Delhi parents, through her time in Winnipeg, her marriage and divorce, and delves into things like her bisexuality and her parents' influence.

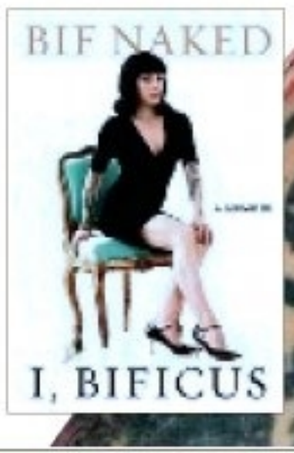
"I interviewed my parents. I really wanted to include them in the book and I wanted their life's work they were doing in the '60s and their missionary work. They're a huge influence."

Out of the book a tour has been born, one that features both her latest acoustic songs and excerpts from the book. "It's more like a play," she said. "The tour is called Songs and Stories, we'll be reading from the book and then playing some songs, some audience stuff."

That audience participation is why she chose smaller venues for the tour. "It just seems to work better. I like to have the audience participate a little bit," even though it can get cheeky, said Bif, noting she once had a guy moon his boss on stage.

A part-time motivational speaker, Bif said speaking to a crowd is much different from doing a reading.

"Reading, instead of speaking, is a lot — you know, I had to get glasses. I had to get glasses! F—! What am I going to do? So that's funny, I don't know how that's going to work."



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The songs and stories tour dates:

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AUTHOR INTERVIEW

Teen character in YA novel defends her queer family

Melita Kuburas
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Anti-gay laws in North Carolina and Mississippi are all over the news on the day Mariko Tamaki and I speak in early April. Bruce Springsteen cancelled his show in Greensboro, North Carolina, scheduled for the previous night, and his stand "against prejudice and bigotry" is all over Facebook.

As legislation in these Republican-controlled Southern states encroaches on the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals in the U.S., stories of people being denied marriage licences and using the bathroom of their choice are becoming more common.

Tamaki tackles the subject of religion and sexuality in her new young adult book, Saving Montgomery Sole. The Canadian author says she sometimes can't even look at her news feed because of the flood of articles about people within the LGBT community being denied their rights.

"It's something that I really struggled with — this movement by a religious right to discriminate against and to curtail the rights of a group of people. I find it really hard to deal with. So I try to tap into that a little bit in this book," says Tamaki, who now lives in California.

Tamaki wanted to create a character who talks back — someone who is "intensely vocal" about discrimination.

Her valiant heroine is Montgomery Sole, a high school student with a curiosity for retro experiments like backmasking, and ordering magic stones with special powers over the internet for her Mystery Club.

Montgomery's style of oversize, stained clothing (hand-me-downs from one of her moms) and insatiable appetite for pizza make her an outsider in Aunty, California, where everyone is obsessed with carb-free froyo. But the bullying escalates whenever the focus turns to her family — her lesbian moms and the fact that Montgomery and her younger sister, Tesla, were conceived from a sperm donor.

PREVIOUS WORK

Mariko Tamaki's last book, This One Summer, was in February pulled from school libraries in Florida for sexual content. Though the coming-of-age graphic novel was never meant for kids, it was awarded the Caldecott Honor, a prize for the 'most distinguished American picture book for children,' which may have caused confusion, the author says

Tamaki happened to be in Florida at the time — amused by the dramatic TV news stories, she says she contemplated going to the districts herself.

What would she have done in response? "I don't know, probably eaten an ice cream on the steps or something," she jokes.

At Tesla's soccer game, when the moms go in for a smooch, a snotty teen sitting in the bleachers described as High Bun grouses: "Let's get out of here before they like, rape us." Monty is within earshot.

But it isn't until a religious preacher known on YouTube for his "The Reverend White vs. Gay Wedding" video moves into town that things escalate for Monty.

As the reverend tries to impose his "save the American family" message on others, the consequences reverberate through the school.

But Montgomery becomes even more frustrated when her own sister wants to start praying, going to church and mounts a cross on her bedroom door.

Tamaki wanted to present two different perspectives on religion in the book.

"Christianity is about community and love and forgiveness, but it's also got this other layer to it. I wanted to try to blur all those things and also to explore conflict within a family where you have a situation like discrimination and how various people experience it and deal with it," she says.

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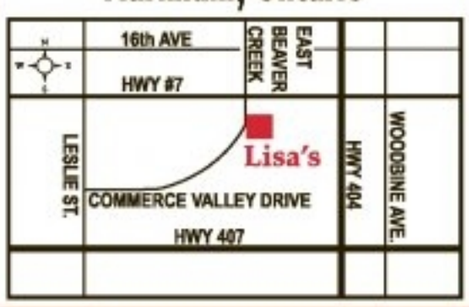

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BOOKWORM

'Local stranger' in a strange land

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

Sara Baume was in her twenties, living in an apartment above a hair salon in a coastal Irish village, when the rescue dog first came into her life. She was feeling like an outsider and struggling with her career as a sculptor.

The dog had lost an eye in a badger-baiting fight — a blood sport in which canines are pitted to the death against the feisty weasel-like mammals. Usually, injured animals are euthanized but for some unknown reason this dog survived, and found his way into a local shelter.

"I wanted to feel like I had done something good; that I could look after something, that something could rely on me," says Baume. "So I got the most lost-cause dog I could find. No one wanted him."

Baume's relationship with her dog became the inspiration for her debut novel, Spill Simmer Falter Wither, published in North America by HMH Books.

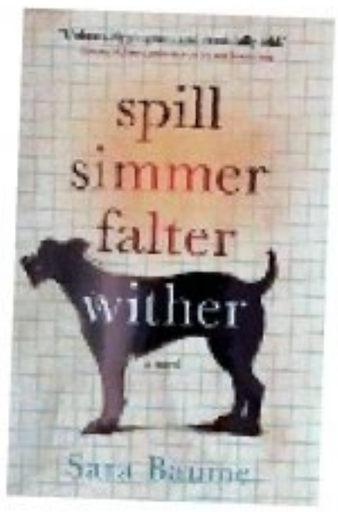
It's the heartbreaking but beautifully told story of a fifty-something-year-old man, who despite the fact that he grew up and has never left his small Irish town, is openly shunned and treated with suspicion by the community.

Still living in his childhood home, he is haunted by the memory of his abusive father and unable to emotionally connect with, let alone talk to, other humans.

He impulsively decides to adopt a mangy, one-eyed dog, but when the animal is accused of biting a child, the man panics and the two make their escape.

"This is a guy who feels lonely because he feels watched in a way. He knows that everyone knows who he is, and can't put a foot wrong for something as simple as his dog biting someone without feeling demonized by the locals who have always been suspicious because he's not really one of them," says Baume, who believes that the character came out of her own feelings of being treated like a "local stranger."

The seaside village Baume captured in the book is modelled after the one in which she was residing, after a decade of living in Dublin. "When the tide went out it was just mudflats and there was a power station on one side and an oil refinery on the other," she says. "It was a strange, strange little town."



Despite its lack of beauty, Baume pulled details from the local landscape into the novel; observations she made while taking her dog out over the changing seasons.

Although Spill Simmer Falter Wither quickly established Baume as a novelist to watch — she won the 2015 Rooney Prize for Irish Literature — she still considers her writing as part of her broader artistic practice.

"In many ways I'm doing what I did as a sculptor," she says, "using the materials of everyday life, found objects and images, and piecing them together."

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Unbelievable insults from a younger woman

THE SHOW: Doctor Foster, Season 1, Episode 5 (Lifetime/Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The Bitch Slap

Every woman seems jealous of Dr. Gemma Foster, left.

Dr. Gemma Foster (Suranne Jones), who's 37, and her husband Simon (Bertie Carvel), who's 40, are having dinner at their neighbours, the Parks. The Parks don't know that their 23-year-old daughter Kate (Jodie Comer) is sleeping with Simon. They're about to find out.

Calmly, eating all the while, Gemma drops bomb after bomb about Kate (who's seated beside her), and about Simon's business deal with Parks. "You're a bitch," Kate says.

"Bitch is right," Gemma replies. "And I'm a wolf tonight."

Kate stands to leave. Suddenly, she smacks Gemma on the back of the head. "You ancient f—king cow!" Kate cries.

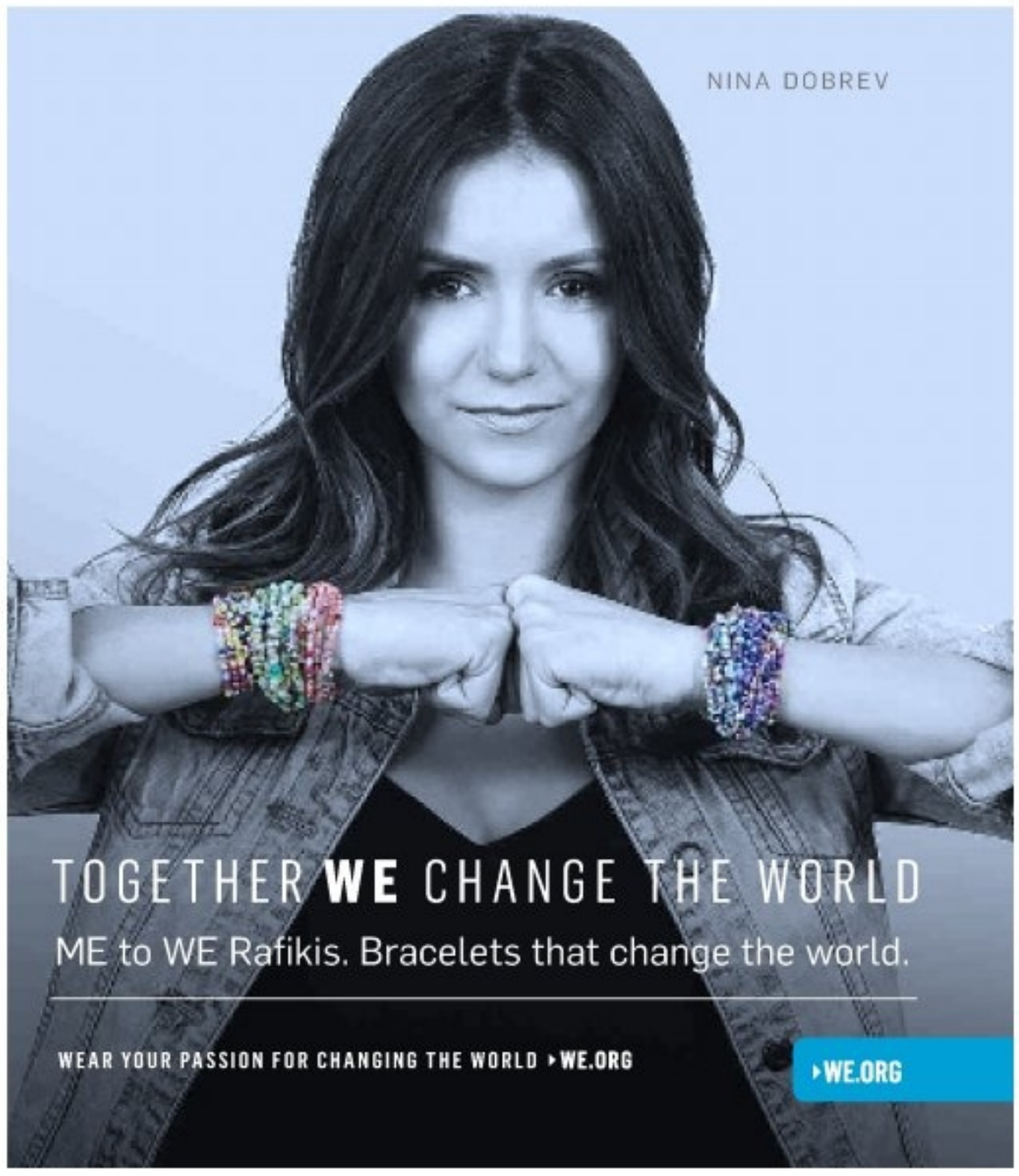
If this show were a book, this is the moment I'd have thrown it across the room. A few episodes ago, I'd been intrigued. I love Jones (Scott & Bailey), and to watch her think her way through an emotional thriller? Sign me up.

But soon alarm bells were sounding. Every woman here is treacherous; they're jealous of Gemma, or think she's a snob, or both. And this is the level of insight into why Simon cheated: "All men want to."

It was the word "ancient" that did me in, though. It wasn't the first time Kate called Gemma old, but it was the most ridiculous. I don't buy that a 23-year-old who's sleeping with a 40-year-old would call a 37-year-old — who looks like Jones — a hag.

If you're going to turn a domestic drama into The Real Housewives of Small-Town England, you've got to give me something better than that.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



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A fresh face for Regent Park

REVITALIZATION

Developer aims to 'fill in the spaces' with new amenities

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: The Regent Park Athletic Grounds project focuses on three recreation facilities and four sports, including a basketball court, outdoor hockey rink and soccer pitch; One Park Place North Tower is the fourth condominium residence in the Regent Park revitalization project; It features street-level shopping and a pedestrian square; The George Brown College Fashion Exchange is a place where immigrants and at-risk youth can receive specialized training to prepare them for entry-level positions in the fashion industry. ALL IMAGES COURTESY THE DANIELS CORPORATION

Since we last looked at the progress of Toronto's remarkable Regent Park neighbourhood transformation, a lot has transpired, including the recent announcement of two new commercial tenants aimed to "fill in the spaces" with retail and services.

The Daniels Corporation has spearheaded the Regent Park Revitalization Project, partnering with Toronto Community Housing to redevelop the 69-acre site in downtown Toronto. It's a long-term project, estimated to be completed over a period of 10 to 15 years.

Daniels is the builder and developer for the entire community, including four new condominium residences. New to the neighbourhood is the recently opened 10,000 square foot Shoppers Drug Mart located along Dundas Street, and St. Michael's Hospital Sumac Creek Health Centre occupying 26,000 square feet on Regent Park Boulevard.

George Brown College has also launched a fashion hub in the neighbourhood, to provide a collaborative space for the community, educators and industry to connect.

Daniels' VP, Martin Blake says they were lucky last year to be able to open up the Sumac Health Centre. "This was a brand-new health centre under the provincial guidelines and it came in with 18 doctors, all of whom were looking for new patients."

Daniels is actively involved in finding and recruiting new commercial tenants. "We're spending all of our time talking to people who are supporters of everything that's going on in Regent Park. We're really creating a small little village inside a city." says Blake.

The vision of the planners from the beginning was a strong focus on community arts and culture as well as athletics. In addition to Daniels Spectrum, a 60,000 square foot cultural hub, and the Regent Park Aquatic Centre, the City of Toronto has just opened a brand new Community Centre that's triple in size of the original facility.

"At night, you can see into the building — you can see all the kids playing on the ping-pong tables and you can see the gyms being used, and the weight rooms." says Blake. "The windows are a spectacular look into the community. It feels so connected."

Through a collaboration with Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, Daniels will officially open a new six-acre community park this summer, that's big on community sports.

"Everything is set to go. It's an amazing space, not only for people that live in the area, but also for people who are looking for those sports fields for their leagues at nighttime, after work." says Blake.

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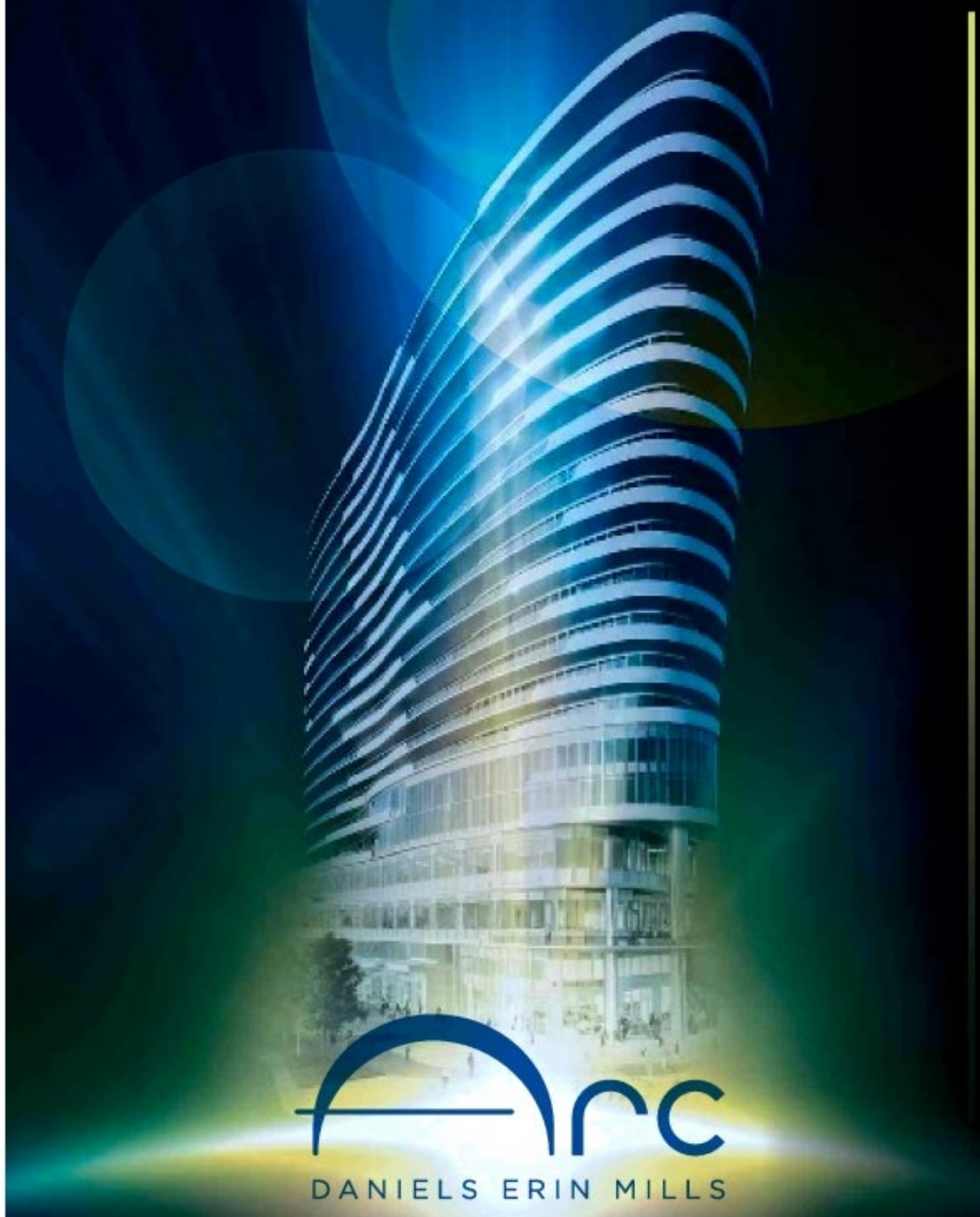

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MEET THE CONDO

Boutique living with a Bayview address

Project overview

The Bennett is a new lowrise condominium in North York that offers a boutique residence with a Bayview address. The condo is located in a convenient location, is rich in amenities and is transit-friendly.

Building amenities

Residents will have access to an event space and party room, a private dining room that seats 20, and a fully-equipped fitness centre with yoga room. Family-friendly two bedroom plus flex plus three bathroom suites available.

In the neighbourhood

The neighbourhood has a lot to offer. It's a few minutes to the Bayview Village Shopping Centre and Fairview Mall. There are shops, restaurants, cinemas and theatre along Yonge Street.

Location and transit

Located in the Bayview Village area, the condo is close to TTC bus routes and the GO transit rail station. Motorists are close to Highways 401, 404 and 407. You can be in the downtown core within 45 minutes.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

What: The Bennett on Bayview
Builder: Latch Developments and First Avenue Properties
Architect: RAW
Designer: Johnson Chou
Location: 3237 Bayview Ave., at Finch
Building: A midrise with 13 storeys
Sizes: From 501 to 1,800 sq. ft.
Pricing: Starting from the mid-$200,000s
Suites: From one bedroom up to two bedroom plus den
Status: Pre-registration phase
Occupancy: Winter 2018
Sales centre: 3031 Bayview Ave.
Phone: 416-451-5802
Website: www.thebennettcondos.com
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REAL ESTATE

What's hot on the market

1 SPECIAL INCENTIVES

Sales Event: 155 Redpath condos is holding their 1.5.5. event, with special incentives this weekend. Check it out at the presentation centre at 2239 Yonge St., April 21 at 6 p.m. Contact: Alex J. Wilson, 416-996-5181.

2 TAKE A LOOK

Open House: Here's a one-bedroom, two-bathroom suite being shown at the Waterview Voyager condos by the lake. Visit 2121 Lake Shore Blvd. W., on April 23 and 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. Contact: Bette Ursini, RE/Max Condos Plus, Brokerage, 416-847-0920.

3 THE SALE BEGINS

Grand Opening: The Southside Residences at Gramercy Park in Downsview will be officially opening their sales centre this weekend. Head on over to 9 Tippett Rd., on April 23 and 24 from 12 to 5 p.m. Contact: 416-703-2202, www.southsidecondos.ca.

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LEGAL MATTERS

When an illegal apartment comes to light

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada

Q: I purchased a bungalow a few years ago in which there were four apartments: two side-by-side on the main floor and two basement suites. Recently, one of my basement tenants had a dispute with me and reported me to the municipality. I was served with a notice of by-law infraction and ordered to return the property into a single family home for which the property was zoned.

The two basement suites may have been illegal, but the house was built with two separate side-by-side apartments that could in no way be interpreted as being one home split into two.

When I approached the city, they looked at their records and couldn't find any variation that allowed for a duplex on the lot. They admitted the city had a fire a number of years ago and a lot of records were lost. Now they are insisting that I return the property into a single family home. It was never designed as such and it makes no sense to do so.

A: Your issue highlights a serious problem that is quite common in our urban settings. Illegal apartments sometimes only come to light when someone complains or when the city discovers issues with zoning or building permits.

If you purchase a multi-unit property, you should do your homework on the legal use of the property and the zoning.

Hindsight is 20/20 and this could be a very expensive proposition. Good luck with your zoning issues.

Ignat "Iggy" Kaneff has helped raise more than $1.5-million for children with intellectual disabilities. CONTRIBUTED

BILD honours philanthropist

AWARD

Bulgarian-Canadian developed GTA for 65 years

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

The Greater Toronto Area was not built in a day. It has taken several decades for it to evolve into the thriving, diverse region it is today. Many of its neighbourhoods were first imagined by visionary city builders who took a chance, purchased some property, assembled a team and went to work designing and constructing homes and business spaces.

As a salute to these visionary home-building and land-development industry trailblazers, the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) bestows its annual Lifetime Achievement Award to one member who has dedicated his or her life to building communities across the GTA.

In years past, this recognition has been given to builders such as Monarch Developments' past president Colin Parsons, Greenpark Homes' Chairman and CEO Carlo Baldassarra and Lebovic Enterprises' Joseph Lebovic.

This year's recipient is Ignat "Iggy" Kaneff, CEO and Chairman of Kaneff Group of Companies.

A strong believer in building communities and a generous philanthropist, Kaneff has helped improve the lives of people in the GTA and in his hometown in Bulgaria over the last 65 years. For this and much more, we are presenting Kaneff with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 36th annual BILD Awards on April 28.

Born in Gorno Ablanovo, Bulgaria in 1926, he came to Canada in 1951 and founded Kaneff Properties in 1956. A BILD member since 1959, he has built thousands of family homes, high-rise residential apartment units, as well as retail commercial plazas and office buildings in the GTA.

An avid golfer, Kaneff has also developed and built six golf course properties. For 45 years, he has been hosting an annual tournament that has raised more than $1.5 million for Community Living, a Peel Region organization supporting children with intellectual disabilities.

Over the years, Kaneff has also generously donated to many other charitable organizations and campaigns, both through personal contributions and the I. Kaneff Charitable Foundation, established by his wife, Dimitrina, in 1986.

There are many city builders in the GTA who have dedicated their lives to creating lively communities, and every year we celebrate them and share their stories. To learn more visit www.bildawards.com.

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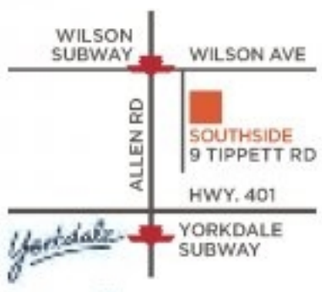

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DIY lace doilies that can do more

CRAFTING

Scuff stoppers transform into cool bowls in five easy steps

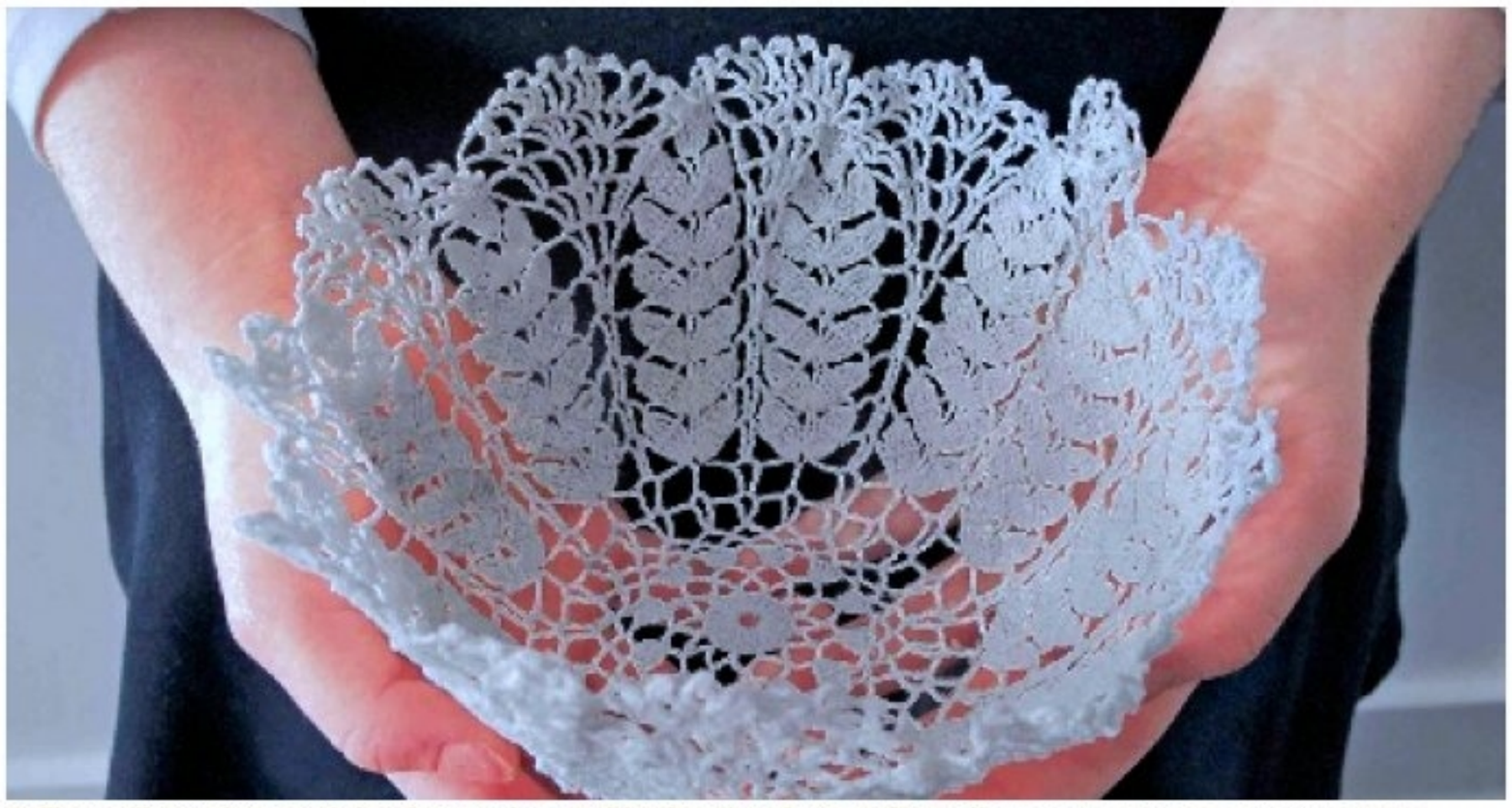
Stuck with grandma's old lace doilies? Turn them into fashionable bowls you can use. Breathe new life into that stash of crocheted doilies you inherited or pick some up from a thrift shop.

They are easily transformed into sturdy bowls to stash all sorts of odds and ends.

Step 1: Gather and shop for the supplies:
We used a fabric stiffener readily available at craft stores, but you can also look online for recipes made using sugar water or corn starch or potato starch as stiffeners.

Choose bowls that are slightly larger than the doily.

Try experimenting with different sized bowls and doilies. You will need:



Doilies easily turn into sturdy bowls to stash everything from jewelry to craft supplies. DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

- Lace doilies, any size with a white background
- Bowls
- Fabric stiffener (we used Mod Podge Stiffy)
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic container for fabric stiffener

Step 2: Prepare and protect the bowls by wrapping them in plastic.
Turn the bowl upside down and wrap the outside of the bowl in a layer of plastic wrap to prevent the fabric stiffener from sticking to it and making a mess. Ensure that the plastic wrap is wrapped snugly around the bowl.

Step 3: Soak the doily in the fabric stiffener mixture until saturated.
Pour the fabric stiffener product into a plastic container. Submerge the doily in the stiffener, soaking it completely. Squeeze out excess liquid.

Step 4: Place the doily over the bowl and let dry.
Drape the soaked doily over the bowl. Be sure to centre the doily on the bowl and use your fingers to smooth and press the doily so it is as flat and smooth as possible. This will ensure the doily will have a flat bottom so it sits flat on a table. Let the doily dry on the bowl for approximately 24 hours or until the doily is completely dry.

Step 5: Remove the doily from the mould.
Once the doily is completely dry, gently loosen the doily from the plastic wrapped bowl. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

RETAIL

Not feeling crafty? Buy it

Not a fan of sticky fingers? We found five pretty bowls and baskets that give you the lacy look without all of the work.

1 Vilks Pottery
Rustic stoneware bowls with a lace pattern from an Etsy shop based in Dundas, Ontario. Large Lace Stoneware Bowls. Ready to ship in three to five business days.

2 Anthropologie
Add a little vintage flair to your home with this fragrant candle. Capri Blue Lace Pot Candle
Ready to ship.

3 Knot Therapy
A delicate crocheted bowl is pretty on a table but sturdy enough to stash belongings from this Etsy shop full of crocheted treasures. Blue Crocheted Lace Bowl. Ready to ship in one to three business days.

4 Putti Fine Furnishings
Medium round lace basket
A hand-crocheted lace basket big enough to stash freshly laundered linens.

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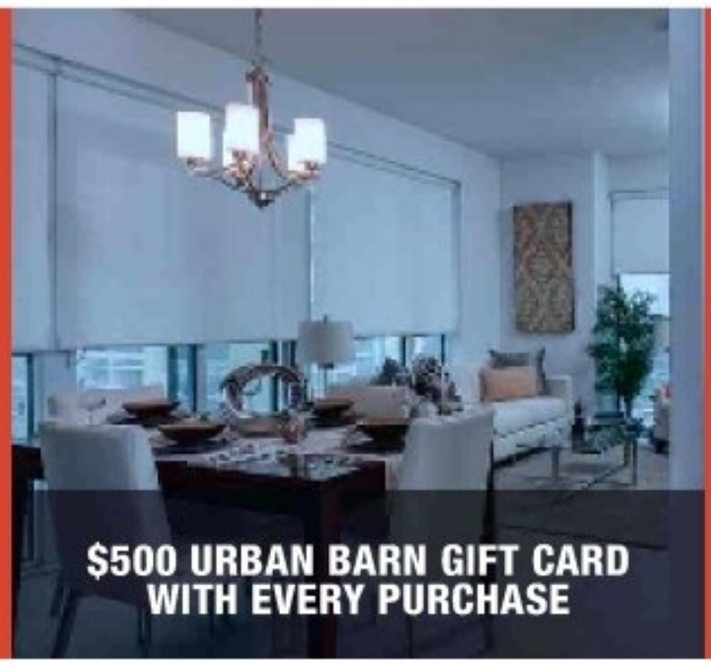

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Fix cracks in your foundation.

Ensure the ground slopes away from your house.

Clear debris from eavestroughs and downspouts.

Install a sump pump to remove excess water.

Install a backwater valve to prevent water and sewage from backing up.

Divert your downspouts away from the foundation.

For more information on flood-proofing your home, go to **toronto.ca/basementflooding**

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Brothers pen book on their mistakes

Property Brothers stars Drew, left, and Jonathan Scott are now New York Times bestselling authors. DENNYS ILIC/HO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Q&A

TV stars share tips from their New York Times bestseller

As if simultaneously filming four TV series wasn't enough for Drew and Jonathan Scott, the Property Brothers stars added to their already stacked schedules with book-writing duties.

Two years of work has paid off for the twin brothers, who can now add "New York Times bestselling authors" to their resumés with the recent release of Dream Home: The Property Brothers' Ultimate Guide to Finding & Fixing Your Perfect House (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). Reached en route to a book signing in Toronto, real estate expert Drew and contractor Jonathan discussed mistakes they've made over the years, how homeowners should determine whether to stay or go, and tips on converting spaces for short- and long-term rentals.

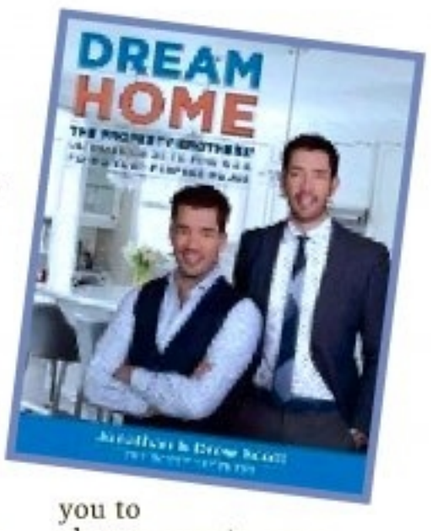
What are some of the mistakes or mishaps that you've learned from, and how have you incorporated those lessons into the book?

Drew Scott: Overspending was one of the things that we did in the very beginning. We wanted to have the most beautiful house on the block that stood out from everything else, not realizing that some of the items we were putting in we weren't getting the money back from when we sold. For example, in a first-time buyer community, you don't want to spend a ton of money — thousands of extra dollars — on stone counters because first-time buyers just want counters. They don't care what they're made of.

Jonathan Scott: We tell clients all the time you need to know your neighbourhood, you need to know what buyers would expect, and any time you do an improvement, you always need to think of resale value. Even if you think you're never going to sell, people's lives change, things change.

What about people who say: "Forget dream home: How can I get a home? How can I get into the market?" That dream seems further and further out of reach for a lot of Canadians.

JS: In the big city centres like Toronto and Vancouver where it's so expensive it's hard to get in to start, that's where we say to people: start early. Because the older you get, the harder it is to make compromises. As you start to have a family, you can't necessarily have three kids and a husband and wife and be in a one-bedroom apartment. If you start when you're younger, and it's just you and you get into a smaller condo, it allows you to get into the market. And then, you grow your equity a lot faster once you're in it. That allows you to change over to something a little bit bigger and — from time and time — sell and upgrade.



One of the things you discuss in the book is for people in existing homes, the question: "Should I stay or should I go?" What are some things to consider?

JS: Maybe you absolutely love an area and you'd like to stay, but the house you're in, the floor plan doesn't work. Or you've started a family and you don't have enough space. It's usually not as cost-effective to try and do an addition or add a second storey to a home. Usually, it's more cost-effective to find a place that will work for you. On the flip side, sometimes people don't think about the moving costs, everything that's involved, from lawyers to transfer taxes. By the time you look at what it would cost to move into a new place, you could have paid for the renovation on your existing place.

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Recipes for DIY green cleaning

ENVIRONMENT

Superstar products to keep your home at its best

With Earth Day on April 22, you might be looking for a greener way to keep your home clean. As well as reducing exposure to synthetic chemical components, DIY products are great money-savers.

To get started making your own cleaning products, stock up on these five key ingredients: white vinegar, household soap, bicarbonate of soda, lemon and essential oils.

The stars of green cleaning are vinegar, household soap, bicarbonate of soda, lemon and essential oils. AFP

A multi-purpose cleaner

Keep it simple by mixing a multi-purpose cleaning product for tiled surfaces, laminate and melamine-finished surfaces, kettles, water jugs, etc. To a one litre bottle or container, add one tablespoon of bicarbonate of soda, one tablespoon of white vinegar and one tablespoon of the essential oil of your choice (lavender, rosemary, lemon or lime). Top up with a litre of hot water to dissolve all the ingredients. Close the lid and give the bottle a good shake to mix.

Floor cleaner

Fill a bucket with 10 litres of water then add three tablespoons of liquid black soap and two tablespoons of soda crystals. Then add a dozen drops of tea tree essential oil and a few drops of lemon or orange essential oil to give the mix a pleasant scent.

Liquid dish soap

To make natural dishwashing liquid, fill an old dish soap bottle (thoroughly washed) with 60 centilitres (about 3 cups) of liquid household soap (Castile soap, Marseille soap, etc.). Then add 15 drops of lemon essential oil, six drops of lavender essential oil and five drops of bergamot essential oil, plus one teaspoon of bicarbonate of soda. Shake well.

TIP

Keep old containers — such as squeeze bottles, spray bottles and detergent bottles — to use for your own concoctions.

Fridge cleanser

Lemon is nature's ultimate antibacterial and odour-fighting agent. This makes it ideal for cleaning inside fridges. To get the best out of its properties, mix two tablespoons of bicarbonate of soda with the juice of half a lemon and five drops of lemon essential oil into a bowl of warm water.

Dusting and polishing spray

Black soap is cheaper than industrially made products for dusting furniture. To make a litre, add a knob of black soap and five drops of eucalyptus or grapefruit essential oil to a spray bottle and mix.

Window cleaner

Vinegar is the product of choice for green windows cleaning with smear-free sparkle. To make a half litre of window cleaning spray, mix 400 ml of white vinegar with 100 ml of water, then add five drops of tea tree or orange essential oil. Pour the mix into a spray bottle. AFP

+ DETERGENT

Make your own 100 per cent natural laundry detergent:

- Buy a box of household soap flakes. To make two litres of detergent, heat a liter of water then add 100g of soap flakes and three tablespoons of bicarbonate of soda.
- Mix until the flakes have fully dissolved then leave the mixture to stand for at least an hour. Pour the liquid into a storage container, top up with a litre of lukewarm water, then add a few drops of essential oil.
- Shake well. If the product still seems too thick the next day, it can be diluted with a litre of water. Switch the bicarbonate of soda for soda crystals to make laundry detergent for colours.

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Knowing your furniture footprint

SIZE MATTERS

Choose the right sofa or dining-room table best suited for your home

Tanya Enberg

Eva Healy, principal designer and owner of Toronto-based firm, Avenue Design, says furniture size is essential to the flow of the room. JONATHAN NICHOLLS

When creating a knockout space with optimal function, flow and balance, selecting the right size of furniture is essential.

But, determining how big a sofa, chair or coffee table should be can stump many amateur designers.

"A lot of people make the basic mistake of either buying furniture too big or too small for the space," said Eva Healy, principal designer and owner of Toronto-based firm, Avenue Design.

"Too big furniture won't make the most of the room and will create a bulky feel to the space, taking up the footprint without adding to the functionality of room," she said. "Furniture that is too small has the effect that everything is floating in the space and can look cluttered, as people try to make up for the fact that the room isn't filled by adding more pieces into it."

When approaching a new project, Julie Taylor, of Julie Taylor Interiors, says planning ahead saves plenty of headaches later. This means becoming good friends with your tape measure.

"If you can't get it through your door or down the staircase, you need to know now," she said.

"Also, map out the footprint of the furniture pieces you're considering. Use green painters tape on your floor, or create paper templates, so you'll know exactly how things will fit and if you'll have enough room to comfortably move around. Then go see the furniture pieces and try them out."

Meantime, Healy advises using a main piece, such as a sofa, as a focal point to anchor a room. Then, design from there, adding extra accent seating, a coffee table, and perhaps an ottoman.

"Think about the scale and proportion of the pieces you are looking for," Healy said.

"Remember that everything looks somewhat small in stores because they are sitting in a huge space with high ceilings," she said. "That same sofa or dining-room table that looks like the right size in the store might be too large in your own space once it's placed in an enclosed area with eight-foot ceilings."

Before perusing furniture and decor shops, take photographs of rooms being worked on and, if possible, go armed with a floor plan or dimensions, including the location and sizes of windows, a measuring tape, paint chips, and even flooring samples.

For those restyling on a budget, Taylor says even minor improvements can create a big impact, from a fresh coat of paint to eye-catching artwork, which she calls the "soul of the room."

While personal style is important, allowing aesthetic alone to be the main guide when purchasing an item can lead to a home-design flop.

"Keep the furniture neutral in colour, add pattern and texture in the area rug, accent pillows, artwork and drapery," said Taylor.

"These are items that can easily be changed out down the line but the expensive pieces withstand the test of time and whatever colour combo you want to do. Grey is still the go-to neutral as it's a clean starting point for both crisp whites and saturated colours, as well as jewel tones and beiges if you're more transitional or traditional in design aesthetic. There are many shades of grey, so keep in mind the accent colours you'll be using in the space and choose the right cool or warm grey to accommodate the general direction of the space."

Texture, patterns jazz up a space

Following years of minimalism, during which cool neutrals and subtle solids ruled the design scene, pattern is re-asserting itself. That's not surprising, given that geometrics, and motifs with flora and fauna have been cycling through home decor since we started painting on cave walls.

This spring, look for the emergence of jazzy wallpapers, embossed surfaces, architectural finishes, graphic pillows, and textiles embellished with embroidery.

Incorporating these decorative elements into a space can, however, pose a challenge for pattern-phobic homeowners.

In fact, accessories are the perfect way to introduce pattern, says design blogger Jennifer Flores, pointing to a spare room makeover she recently undertook.

"I thought about putting pattern in with wallpaper or moulding, but that felt like too big a commitment. I decided instead to use accessories," said Flores.

This spring is all about funky wallpapers, graphic pillows, and textiles embellished with embroidery. CONTRIBUTED

Another advantage to decorating with patterned pieces is that they can live in different rooms over time, says Flores.

"I think we are all more aware of not being such a disposable society. So I love the fact that you can use a blue patterned rug in a new room, and then move it to another space when you tire of it. All you need to do is bring in some other blue accessories for it to work. And it means you get a lot more longevity out of something you have invested in."

"Sometimes you fall in love with a pattern and want to put it everywhere, but it can be overwhelming if you don't change the scale and the tone."
Design blogger, Jennifer Flores

For those who are still pattern shy, Flores suggests that textured objects and textiles can perform a similar visual function.

"Texture can definitely play that role, especially textures that have that touchability," said Flores. "Think about velvet pillows and chunky throws. What makes a space memorable is when you engage as many senses as possible." VICKY SANDERSON

PAINT TRENDS

Moving towards whites and brights

Just as they ruled the runway last year, pale, blush tones are dominating home decor this spring. That's because they're both pretty and practical, says Sharon Grech, colour and design spokesperson for Benjamin Moore, which chose white as its colour of the year.

"It seemed like the right time," said Grech. "We've been lightening up over the past few years, with more and more pastels. You can't get more light than white!"

The move toward lighter colours and whites is partly a response to over-programmed lives, she suggests.

Pretty and practical: pale, blush tones are dominating spring decor. CONTRIBUTED

"There is no shortage of talk about simplifying our lives, and de-cluttering mentally as well as physically," said Grech. "There's nothing like white to give the idea of a blank slate, of starting over."

Not all whites are created equal, nor are they interchangeable, says Grech. The right white will depend on the direction the room faces, and what textiles, furniture and flooring it will have. VICKY SANDERSON

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Cool under the bright lights

RAPTORS
GAME 3 PREVIEW

Joseph dancing while some teammates are finding feet

If you want to think like Cory Joseph, don't overthink it. Don't start prattling on about how you can replace Kyle Lowry with Joseph and not miss a beat. Don't wonder whether Joseph could score 30 with DeMar DeRozan's shot volume. Don't get too high, and don't get too low. Joseph will repeat that soothing bromide, whenever you ask.

Just appreciate that going into Game 3 of this nervy first-round series for the Toronto Raptors against the Indiana Pacers, the 24-year-old local kid has been the coolest cat in the room. Joseph spent four years with the San Antonio Spurs, observing their holy trinity of Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili. He appeared in a lot of playoff games. But for the first time, he's really playing in them.

"I feel like my game, since I was young, I've always left it out there on the court," says Joseph, who is averaging 17 points on .786 shooting in two games, and who has been the team's best backcourt defender all season.

"That was the first staple. But also going (to San Antonio) has heightened my knowledge. To just be able to see people go through it — Timmy, Tony, Manu, everybody lead by example — helped me so much more. No matter what the circumstances, I always felt like I was going to play hard. You know, just understanding the difference between the season and the playoffs helped me a lot.

"I don't worry about (being ready for this), I really don't. I don't worry about doing well, or doing bad. I mean, if the opportunity's given, I'm going to go out and play hard. Simple. Like I said, we're not going to war, we're not in the army. It's basketball. You go out, you play hard, and you can be satisfied with yourself."

Joseph boils things down like that. It's clear he has internalized the Gregg Popovich perspective that allows you to take your dedication to the game seriously, while realizing it's a small part of a much bigger, more serious world. And while Lowry and DeRozan have tried to find their playoff feet, Joseph is dancing. In his 48 playoff minutes for Toronto, Joseph has made 11 of his 14 shots, 11 of his 12 free throws, and piled up 34 points, six assists, four rebounds, two steals and three turnovers. The Raptors have blitzed Indiana with Joseph — and the bench mob — on the floor. If you want to jam the smallest possible sample into the biggest possible frame, his player efficiency rating is 32.9 in this series so far. Steph Curry's was 31.5.

Don't get excited. This is not — not — predictive. It is, right now, a nice little run.

"He's young, but he's been in San Antonio for many years," says veteran forward Luis Scola. "That's like an advanced, speed-up school for playoff basketball, you know? The other day he was asking how many playoff games I have played, and I knew where he was going: he was just trying to show off that he had played more playoff games than me, being the oldest player on the team.

"So for him it's natural."

Don't overthink it. Cory Joseph's a really good basketball player, but don't go crazy. Be like Cory. Be cool.

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.786

Joseph's shooting percentage through the first two playoff games.

Raptors point guard Cory Joseph slips past the Pacers' Myles Turner for a layup on Monday.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Anti-gay slur nets Shaw suspension

The NHL suspended Blackhawks forward Andrew Shaw for one game Wednesday for yelling an anti-gay slur from the penalty box and fined him $5,000 for an inappropriate gesture toward the officials during Chicago's Game 4 loss at home to the St. Louis Blues.

Shaw will miss Game 5 on Thursday, and he will be required to undergo sensitivity training, according to the NHL announcement that came only hours after he quietly apologized for his outburst the previous night.

Andrew Shaw
GETTY IMAGES

Shaw was sent off for interference at 17:56 of the third period, hurting Chicago's chance for a comeback in what ended up being a 4-3 loss that put the Stanley Cup champions on the brink of elimination from the playoffs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

ESPN fires analyst Schilling

ESPN announced that it has fired network analyst Curt Schilling following his comments on Facebook about transgender people.

Schilling reposted an image of an overweight man wearing a long blond wig and revealing women's clothing. It included the phrase: "Let him in! To the restroom with your daughter or else you're a narrow minded, judgmental, unloving, racist bigot who needs to die!!!"

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T-Wolves hire Thibodeau

The Minnesota Timberwolves have hired former Chicago Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau as coach and president of basketball operations, the team announced Wednesday night.

Thibodeau was the most coveted coach on the market, and he's bringing his unparalleled intensity and hard-driving approach to a franchise that has not made the playoffs since 2004. He won nearly 65 per cent of his games in five seasons with the Bulls. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAPLE LEAFS

Dubas insists he's not going anywhere

The rumour mill should probably leave Kyle Dubas alone.

The 29-year-old assistant general manager of the Maple Leafs acknowledged Wednesday that it's flattering when his name comes up for job openings — as it did when the Arizona Coyotes fired Don Maloney recently. But he's quick to make it clear that he intends to see the Leafs' rebuilding project, which he helped initiate, through to its conclusion. "Very bluntly put, I don't believe I'm ready to be an NHL general manager," Dubas said. "I believe I have a lot to learn, and I believe Toronto is the best place for me to learn that." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SPECULATION

The popular thinking is that Dubas will be the next GM of the Leafs when Lou Lamoriello's contract expires in 2017.

Dance of the Red Devils

PREMIER LEAGUE

Prospects suddenly not so dire at Old Trafford

Manchester United's pursuit of Champions League qualification gathered pace on Wednesday with a 2-0 win over Crystal Palace that put the team in a strong position to exploit any slip-ups by Arsenal or Manchester City.

With four games remaining, United is only two points behind third-place City and one behind Arsenal, which plays West Bromwich Albion on Thursday.

With United in touching distance of the top four Champions League places and through to the FA Cup semifinals, the season is not looking as bleak as it once did for manager Louis van Gaal.

United profited from an own goal in the fourth minute when Damien Delaney inadvertently turned a cross from Matteo Darmian into his own net. Darmian did manage to score his first goal since joining United last year, a stunning left-footed striker that hit the post on the way into the net in the 55th minute.

"We should have finished it much earlier and scored much more goals," Van Gaal said. "We created a lot of chances."

But what will have troubled United's hierarchy were the thousands of empty seats inside the usually packed 76,000-seat Old Trafford.

Saturday's semifinal opponent, Everton, is in turmoil after being crushed 4-0 by Liverpool in the Merseyside derby.

The second semifinal on Sunday sees Palace play Watford, which rested many first-team regulars as it prepared for Wembley by losing 3-1 at West Ham. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manchester United teenager Marcus Rashford takes a shot on Wednesday at Old Trafford. LAURENCE GRIFFITHS/GETTY IMAGES

MLS

Drogba wants 60-70 minutes vs. TFC

There's a good chance Didier Drogba will be on the field when the Montreal Impact face Toronto FC in this season's first instalment of the 401 Derby.

The star striker has been limited to two appearances as a substitute in Montreal's first six matches this season but the 38-year-old said Wednesday he is ready to start a game.

"Maybe not 90 (minutes), but at least start and play 60 or 70," he said. "It depends on how long I can rely on my legs."

Didier Drogba THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 38-year-old Chelsea legend had 11 goals in 11 regular-season games after joining the Impact last summer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Goals flood back for Barça

Barcelona sent a strong message to Atletico Madrid and Real Madrid on Wednesday, demolishing Deportivo La Coruna 8-0 to end a four-game winless streak and keep its lead in the Spanish league.

Luis Suarez scored four goals and set up three others to help Barcelona stop its free fall.

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Panthers let Norman walk

The NFL free agent cornerback market just got more interesting.

Josh Norman, one of the NFL's top corners, became an unrestricted free agent Wednesday after the Carolina Panthers surprisingly rescinded their non-exclusive franchise tag offer to the All-Pro and wished him well — someplace else.

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RECIPE Tuna White Bean Salad

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

We're the last people to jump on diet fads. Seriously. But if a person wanted to a low-carb dinner, this would be an excellent way to go.

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 x 5 oz can of tuna
- 1 x 15 oz can of cannellini beans
- 1/4 cup red onion, diced fine
- 4 or 5 radishes, thinly sliced
- 8 or so cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 1 bunch of arugula, washed, dried and trimmed
- 2 handfuls of fresh basil, washed, dried and trimmed
- 3 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. In a large-ish bowl, mix together the tuna, beans and onions.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together the lemon juice and olive oil, pour it over your tuna and give a good mix. You don't want to lose all the texture of the tuna, so don't over do it. Taste it and see if you'd like some salt and pepper. Cover with cling film and chill for up to an hour. You can skip this step but it will enhance the flavour.

3. Now it's just an assembly job. You've got four plates. Lay out a handful of greens on each plate, a scoop of tuna deliciousness and then scatter tomatoes and radishes on top.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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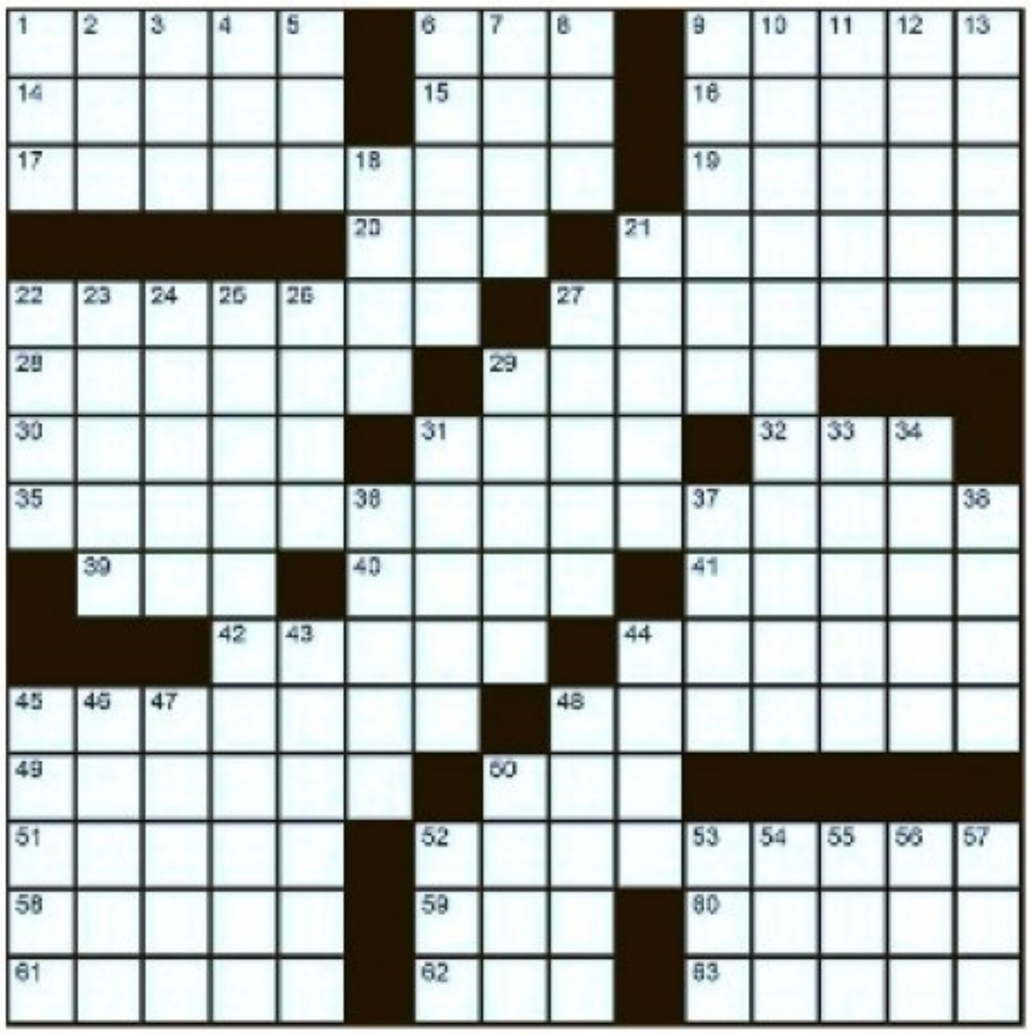

ACROSS
1. Curve
6. Crunched muscles, commonly
9. Alan and his actor father Robert
14. Upper Fort __ (Historical site in Manitoba)
15. Edgar Allan Who?
16. "Montreal" singer Mr. Maida
17. Journey all over
19. Guitarist's prop
20. Soaked
21. Most certain
22. White wine of France
27. So Green! So Vast! Canada has many, many, many of these
28. Stay
29. Element with the symbol B in chemistry
30. Run __ (Go wildly)
31. __ vera
32. Bien __, Vietnam
35. The Toronto Raptors play on one: 2 wds.
39. Clear
40. Liturgical vestments
41. Tweak
42. Hall & __
44. Actress Ms. Dahl
45. Wall __ (House walls decorator)
48. Song by Vancouver band 54-40: 2 wds.
49. Puffy dessert
50. Type or sort [abbr.]
51. Dermatologists treat them
52. Restaurant garnish as on a glass of Diet Pepsi: 2 wds.
58. Banal
59. __ and flow
60. Benefit
61. Vows
62. Second Cup serving
63. "__ Go 'Round the Roses": 1963 hit for The Jaynetts

DOWN
1. Mork from Ork's spacecraft, __-shaped
2. 'Bad'-meaning prefix
3. Jake to Maggie, for short
4. Globe
5. X's spelled-out follower
6. __-ski
7. Car trunk, in Britain
8. Adjust
9. Legendary conductor Mr. Toscanini (b.1867 - d.1957)
10. Actress who plays Dr. Betty Rogers on CTV crime drama "Motive": 2 wds.
11. Feeds
12. Build __ (Construct, bird-style)
13. Works by the Rockefeller Center muralist
18. Double
21. __-Tracy, Quebec
22. Grouch
23. Macho fellow
24. Create cheeriness
25. Where Canadian astronaut Chris Hatfield was headed in the Spring of 2013 upon completing his International Space Station mission: 3 wds.
26. Admire
27. Tricks
29. Spills the beans
31. More capable
33. Exterior
34. Domain
36. Spud
37. Bread, e.g.
38. Train, in Spain
43. Comes about
44. River to the Rhine [var. sp.]
45. Topping on pasta
46. Capital of Ghana
47. SVP = S'il vous __
48. "La __" by Ritchie Valens
50. Feeling
52. Rent
53. Existed
54. Ms. Longoria
55. NBA's Mavericks, on scoreboards
56. Canadian actor Mr. Bellows
57. Cathedral city

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today's Full Moon very likely will bring financial issues to a head. Now you will have to decide whether it's time to hold or time to fold.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today the only Full Moon opposite your sign all year is taking place. That's why you might feel increased tension with partners and close friends. Patience is your best ally today.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The Full Moon today might create tension with co-workers. Look beyond today's tension, and demonstrate grace under pressure.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Of course, you feel the tension of today's Full Moon because the Moon is your ruler. Just go with the flow. This heightened emotional quality will be gone in 48 hours.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today you feel the classic tug-of-war between trying to keep home and family happy versus trying to keep your job and career happy. You can't do both. (This time, you can't ignore your job.)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be careful, because this is an accident-prone day due to the heightened Full Moon energy. Pay attention to everything you say and do.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Financial matters might come to a head because of the Full Moon today. Fortunately, after the Full Moon peaks, things will resolve themselves.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today the only Full Moon in your sign all year is taking place. Do what you can to stay mellow. Be patient with close friends and partners.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have lots of energy with fiery Mars in your sign! Be careful, because today's Full Moon can create problems with others. Keep smiling, and be patient.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Issues with a group or perhaps with a personal friend might come to a head today. After the Full Moon peaks, you likely will bring things to a happy agreement.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Even though there are external demands on you today, you cannot ignore the demands of home. This feeling of being caught in a tug-of-war is due to the Full Moon today.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Do what you can to avoid accidents today, because the Full Moon energy is distracting. Stay focused and mindful of everything you say and do.

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